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Arrival at Reedy Island of vessels from Mexican and West Indian ports.

REEDY ISLAND QUARANTINE,
via Port Penn, Del., December 15, 1901.

SIR: Through the medical officer in command of national quarantine service on Delaware Bay and River, I have the honor to report the arrival at this station of the following vessels: December 8, 1901, British steamship *Mexicano*, from Tampico, in ballast; no passengers; bill of health signed by Samuel Magill, consul, and by medical inspector, U. S. Marine-Hospital Service. December 9, 1901, American schooner *Slater*, from Havana, with bones; no passengers; bill of health signed by Surgeon Glennan. December 11, 1901, Norwegian steamship *Peter Jebsen*, from Tampico, in ballast; no passengers; bill of health signed by Samuel E. Magill, consul and medical inspector, U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Respectfully,

T. F. RICHARDSON,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
In Command.

REPORTS FROM THE MEXICAN BORDER.

Laredo, Tex., December 11, 1901—Inspection service.—I have the honor to submit the following inspection report for the week ended December 7, 1901: Number of passenger trains from Mexico inspected, 14; persons on passenger trains inspected, 659; immigrants inspected, 20; immigrants vaccinated upon entry, 7; Pullman Company soiled linen disinfected, 4,432 pieces.

Detention of passengers and disinfection of personal effects not necessary during winter.

LAREDO, TEX., December 11, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report receipt of your telegram dated December 11, 1901, "Not necessary to detain passengers or disinfect personal effects during winter months; inspection should be for detection of illness only—letter follows." I had not detained any passengers after November 15 on account of coming from yellow fever infected ports, but have only disinfected some dirty appearing baggage. I operated according to instructions received for 1899-1900, supposing they would be applicable to this year also, especially as this has been an exceptionally favorable year as regards epidemics of yellow fever.

Respectfully,

H. J. HAMILTON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Statistical reports of States and cities of the United States—Yearly and monthly.

CONNECTICUT.—Reports to the State board of health for the month of November, 1901, from 162 towns having an aggregate census population of 903,001, show a total of 1,104 deaths, including diphtheria, 28; enteric fever, 23; measles, 3; scarlet fever, 7; whooping cough, 8, and 120 from phthisis pulmonalis.

ILLINOIS—*Chicago*.—Month of September, 1901. Estimated population, 1,758,025. Total number of deaths, 2,070, including diphtheria,